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SUBJECT: US- USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT

1. FOR HIS RETURN- TO- MOSCOW TOUR D' HORIZON WITH HYDROMET,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF SCIATT COULD RAISE FOLLOWING
TOPICS AT HIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE:

2. RE. PARA 3 OF MOSCOW 3196, BOWHEAD WHALE PROJECT AGREED
TO UNDER WILDLIFE, PROJECT DIRECTOR SCOTT MCVAY FEARS THAT
NOMINATION OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS MAY COME TOO LATE UNLESS
DECISION IS TAKEN MOMENTARILY. AS EMBASSY AWARE, TRAIN HAS
SENT LETTER TO FEDOROV ON THIS SUBJECT, AND NOW ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES PRESIDENT HANDLER HAS SENT CABLE TO KELDYSH. SCIATT
MAY WISH REITERATE OUR CONCERN THAT PROJECT GO FORWARD AS
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AGREED. MAY MENTION THAT SCOTT MCVAY HAD EXCELLENT ARTICLE IN WASHPOST APRIL 2 ENTITLED " THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS OF DETENTE," DESCRIBING WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP VISIT TO MOSCOW AS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND PROMISING. (COPIES POUCHED TO EMB.) ANY HELP EMBASSY CAN GIVE IN GETTING SOVIETS TO NAME PARTICIPANTS IN NEAR FUTURE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

3. RE. LONDON 03717, PARA B, CONCERNING SPLITTING OF MARINE OIL POLLUTION GROUP IN TWO: SCIATT IS REQUESTED TO EXPLORE THIS QUESTION WITH HYDROMET. IT APPEARS TO US THAT DUBCHAK (FROM MERCHANT MARINE MINISTRY) AND KARAYEV (FROM PETROLEUM MINISTRY) ARE ACTING ON ASSUMPTION THAT PROJECT VI(1), " PREVENTION AND CLEAN- UP OF OIL POLLUTION IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT," HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY SPLIT INTO TWO PROJECTS, ONE DEALING WITH MARINE OIL POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, THE OTHER DEALING WITH MARINE OIL POLLUTION FROM OTHER SOURCES. WE WONDER IF HYDROMET IS FULLY INFORMED AND HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL TO THIS ACTION, WHICH IN EFFECT WOULD CREATE A NEW PROJECT NOT LISTED IN MEMORANDUM OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1972. U. S. SIDE IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN THIS MATTER, AND U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAS AGREED TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY FOR NON- SHIP PORTION. U. S. CHAIRMAN OR SUB- CHAIRMAN WILL BE DR. JAMES R. BALSLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH, USGS. HOWEVER TWO PROBLEMS ARISE: (A) USGS WAS PREPARED TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH KARAYEV' S TWO REPRESENTATIVES AS PART OF OVERALL MEETING PLANNED BY COAST GUARD FOR DUBCHAK GROUP; BUT USGS NOT ABLE TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT SEPARATE VISIT BY MID- APRIL. (B) SINCE " NEW PROJECT" ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION FROM NON- SHIP SOURCES IS NOT LISTED IN MEMORANDUM OF IMPLEMENTATION, WE WONDER IF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAIRMAN TRAIN AND FEDOROV SETTING UP THIS GROUP WOULD BE NECESSARY. AT THE LEAST, WE WOULD WISH ASSURANCES THAT FEDOROV APPROVED THIS ACTION. (FYI: WE CONSIDER SEPARATION OF PERMAFROST AND PRESERVES GROUPS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT MATTER SINCE THEY ARE LISTED AS SEPARATE PROJECTS IN MEMORANDUM OF IMPLEMENTATION. RE. PRESERVES GROUP, QUESTION OF U. S. CHAIRMAN IS BEING RESOLVED AND WE HOPE TO HAVE PROPOSAL FOR SOVIETS IN NEAR FUTURE. TARGET DATE FOR SOVIET VISIT NOW FALL RATHER THAN SUMMER, AND SCIATT MAY WISH MENTION THIS TO HYDROMET.) SCIATT SHOULD INFORM HYDROMET THAT U. S. SIDE STILL WILLING TO RECEIVE BOTH DUBCHAK AND KARAYEV GROUPS AT SAME TIME, WITH SOME SEPARATE ACTIVITIES AS SUB- GROUPS DURING VISIT.

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IF HOWEVER SOVIETS INSIST THAT GROUPS COME SEPARATELY, REFER TO POINT (B) ABOVE AND ASK IF AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE REACHED, AND ADD THAT USGS WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL LATER THAN MID-

APRIL TO RECEIVE SEPARATE GROUP. BALSLEY NOW EXPLORING RECEPTION OF TWO- MAN GROUP AT END OF APRIL, AND WILL SEND MESSAGE TO KARAYEV IN NEAR FUTURE, ON ASSUMPTION SPLITTING OF GROUPS WILL BE APPROVED.

4. RE. PARA 4. J OF MOSCOW 3196, MARINE ORGANISMS, SCIATT SHOULD STRESS TO HYDROMET IMPORTANCE OF GETTING CONFIRMATION FOR THIS GROUP IN NEAR FUTURE. U. S. HOST, DR. ERIC SCHNEIDER, AND HIS STAFF HAVE PUT FORMIDABLE EFFORT INTO DEVELOPING FIRST- RATE PROGRAM FOR SOVIET VISITORS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN MANY CITIES (E. G. SHIP MADE AVAILABLE FOR TOURING HOUSTON HARBOR). IF VISIT IS POSTPONED, GREAT EFFORT WILL BE WASTED AND IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE COMPARABLE TOUR AGAIN. SCHNEIDER SAYS IF GROUP CANNOT COME MAY 13-30, JUNE IS NOT POSSIBLE, AND VISIT MUST BE POSTPONED UNTIL FALL. HAVING JUST GONE THROUGH CLIFFHANGER ON HUD VISIT , WE DO NOT WISH TO GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN, SO HYDROMET SHOULD BE PRESSED TO MAKE FIRM DATES FOR THIS VISIT SOONEST. ALONG SAME LINES, WE WILL NEED FIRM DATES FOR AGRICULTURE GROUP IN NEAR FUTURE IF GROUP HOPES TO COME AS PLANNED THIS SPRING.

5. RE. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE VISIT (MAY 6-20), U. S. CHAIRMAN ATKESON HAS REPLIED TO SOVIET CHAIRMAN (STATE 051236) AND IS AWAITING RESPONSE. FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, QUESTION ABOUT LINGUISTIC LEVEL OF GROUP IS MOST PRESSING. IF SCIATT COULD GET SOME IDEA IF INTERPRETERS WILL BE NEEDED, THIS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

6. SEPTTEL REPORTS HUD WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SOVIET URBAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP APRIL 15 FOR TEN DAYS. SCIATT SHOULD NOTE TO HYDROMET THAT POSTPONEMENTS AND SHORT NOTICE NECESSITATED CURTAILINGS OF PROGRAM WHICH WE REGRET BUT CANNOT HELP. HOWEVER WE STILL ARE GRATIFIED THAT THIS EXCHANGE CAN BEGIN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

7. FINALLY, SCIATT MAY WISH EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR FINE RECEPTION GIVEN U. S. AIR AND WATER POLLUTION DELEGATIONS. ALL REPORTS ARE THAT MEETINGS WERE EXCELLENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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HANDLED AND VERY PRODUCTIVE. SCIATT SHOULD ALSO MENTION CHAIRMAN TRAIN' S APPRECIATION TO FEDOROV FOR GOOD HANDLING OF PRESS MATTERS FOR THESE MEETINGS. RUSH

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